

AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT:

A rear box ~~(10)~~ for an internal combustion engine exhaust ~~comprises~~includes a shell ~~(12)~~ with a lining ~~(48)~~ applied over the part of ~~the an~~ inner surface of the shell ~~(12)~~ which is susceptible to exhaust condensate contact. Generally, the lining is applied over approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of ~~the a~~ surface area of the inner surface of the shell. ~~(Fig.2)~~.